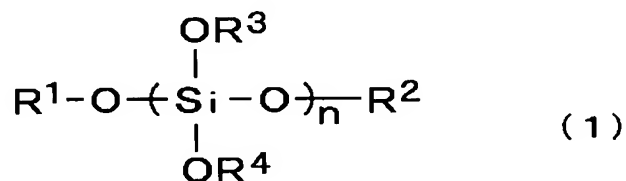


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 - 5 (Canceled):

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): A method for preparing a coating composition curable by active energy rays which comprises:

hydrolyzing and condensing an alkyl silicate of formula (1) to produce a siloxane compound (A)



wherein R¹, R², R³, and R⁴ represent an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms or an acyl group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms, respectively, and n indicates an integer from 3 to 20, and

adding a cation polymerization initiator (B) having a sensitivity to the active energy rays to said siloxane compound (A) to produce the coating composition curably by active energy rays.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): A method for preparing a molded article having a protective film which comprises:

Applying the coating composition prepared by the method of claim 6 on the surface of a substrate; and

irradiating active energy rays to the composition to form the protective film.